

**Abstract****A UTILITY METER INCORPORATING A TRANSACTION  
AUTHORISATION SYSTEM**

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A transaction authorisation system comprises a user interface unit 30 capable of accepting a transaction authorisation and a utility meter 10 provided at a location having an associated location identifier unique to the location, wherein the utility meter 10 is arranged to communicate with the user interface unit 10, to obtain a 10 transaction authorisation, and to transmit an authorisation request based on the transaction authorisation and location identifier to obtain authorisation of the transaction.

[Fig. 1]